

PROGRESS REPORT NO. 80

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 80 Month Ending February 2013

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

A revised draft final version of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Phase 2 Sediment Study document was submitted on February 19, 2013. Similarly, a draft QAPP for the Bossburg Beach expanded sediment study was submitted for review and comment on February 25, 2013. The final fish tissue data summary report as approved on March 1, 2013 was posted on the public domain of the project website. Additional documents (e.g., reports) being revised by TAI based on comments received include the draft final surface water data summary report and the draft beach sediment data summary report. Although due dates have not been assigned by EPA for the aforementioned data summary reports, TAI is working towards revising both documents as soon as possible with the intent of submitted revised documents for EPA's review in April 2013. TAI continues to review and comment on the white sturgeon draft data summary report prepared by the U.S. Geological Survey for EPA. Comments will be submitted electronically this month.

Based on recent electronic communications received by Industrial Economics, Inc. TAI understands that the systematic error identified within the STATA® code for the recreational use survey has been corrected. TAI is in the process of reviewing the edits. Upon confirming that the error has been corrected this month, the data and associated STATA® code will be reloaded to the project database. It is anticipated that with the correct data, a revised data summary report for the recreational use survey as drafted by Industrial Economics, Inc. for the U.S. Department of the Interior will be made available for a final review in the very near future.

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.